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TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

HEREWITH ADDITIONAL NEWSPAPER SUMMARIES:

NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY DECEMBER 9, 1973

LESLIE GELB CONTENDS THAT VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION ARE SPLIT OVER THE FUTURE OF THE SALT TALKS IN GENEVA. THE MULTIPLICITY OF AGENCIES INVOLVED CREATES A PROBLEM IN ARRIVING AT A UNIFIED AMERICAN POSITION. THE RUSSIANS ARE WAITING FOR A RESPONSE TO THEIR SEPTEMBER DRAFT TREATY, HOWEVER, DECISIONS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN WASHINGTON ARE BEING DELAYED BECAUSE OF WATERGATE AND THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. A-3

BERNARD GWERZMAN COMMENTS THAT YOU DID NOT ELABORATE ON YOUR CALL FOR NEW "VISION" BY NATO. AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL TRAVELING WITH YOUR PARTY SAID LATER IT WAS SYNONYMOUS IN YOUR MIND WITH THE "NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER" CONCEPT. A-6

LESLIE GELB, IN THE EDITORIAL SECTION, COMMENTS THAT WHILE THERE ARE SOME DANGEROUS CURVES IN DETENTE, THE SOVIET ATTITUDE ON SALT II IS STILL CONSIDERED SERIOUS. BUT BY CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, THE RUSSIANS CAN NOT BE DEPENDED UPON NOT TO PURSUE TACTICAL ADVANTAGES AT AMERICAN EXPENSE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS IN SO MUCH TROUBLE AT HOME. E-3

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THE LEAD TIMES EDITORIAL REITERATES ITS EARLIER CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT TO RESIGN. THE TIMES SAYS THE DUTY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TO RESOLVE THE NATION'S CRISIS OF LEADERSHIP BECOMES IN-
ESCAPABLE. E-16

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JAMES RESTON WRITES THAT YOU ARE NOW IN THE PAINFUL POSITION

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OF TRYING TO PERSUADE ISRAEL AND HER FRIENDS IN THE U.S., THAT ANY CHANCE OF LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST DEPENDS ON FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN JERUSALEM'S POLICY. YOU AGREE THAT THIS IS A SHOCKING AND TRAUMATIC PROSPECT FOR ISRAEL, BUT YOU MAKE A POINT OF IMAGINING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THERE'S MASS GLOBAL DISCOMFORT AND UNEMPLOYMENT THAT COULD BE ASCRIBED TO ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE.
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THE BALTIMORE SUN

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9, 1973

A SUN EDITORIAL REFLECTS ON NATO'S THIRD CRISIS WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMENT: "SINCE 1973 WAS DESTINED NOT TO BE THE "YEAR OF EUROPE," DESPITE U.S. HOPES, THIS PHRASE SHOULD BE SCRAPPED ONCE AND FOR ALL. PERHAPS YOU FEEL A COMPULSION TO OBTAIN SOME DOCUMENTS FEEBLY APPROACHING YOUR CONCEPT OF A "NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER." BUT WHEN AND IF YOU OBTAIN SOME NEW ALLIANCE RHETORIC, IT IS LIKELY TO BE LACKING THE INSPIRATIONAL QUALITIES YOU ORIGINALLY INTENDED." (K-4)

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